



Hello SWAPAfamily! February is almost over! The winter days are flying by and the treadmill is just warming up for SWAPA Rallies and SWAPAfamily events on the horizon. We've got a lot of ground to cover these next few months as we gear up for the Strike Authorization Vote (SAV), running May 1 – May 31. We want to make sure each and every one of you knows what's at stake and how our solidarity secures our futures.

A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to be able to attend the SWAPA HOU Rally, where I got to see and visit with so many of you! Just like our SWAPAfamily events, the Rallies are a great way for us to see old friends and make new ones. In addition to having a healthy showing of spouses and significant others in the audience, I would like to add a special shout out to Jennifer Bautista, wife of February 14 new hire class member Jesus Bautista, who came to the event by herself! I also want to recognize December 27, 2022 new hire class member Trent Stringer and his wife Lizzy for coming to the Rally. It speaks volumes that you joined us, and you are worthy of a round of applause! Congrats to Trent for finishing up his training last week and to Jesus who has completed the first few weeks of initial training!

Locations and dates for the upcoming Rallies and SWAPAfamily events are listed below. If you can get to any of these events, you will not be disappointed. Not only will you meet and talk with our negotiating team, domicile reps, SWAPA execs, and key committee members, but you'll be able to ask the panel of speakers your questions and hear how we plan to make it to the finish line with an industry-leading contract.

Also in this edition of *Waypoint*, we wanted to show our appreciation to the army of spouses, significant others, and family members who have volunteered to support our efforts any time they are called upon! Whether it's a picket, a SWAPAfamily event, or support for one of our families in crisis — rain or shine, blustery cold, or blistering hot, you showed up! We have gained unity and momentum because you have been a part of SWAPA. Please enjoy a few pictures here or below from times past, as well as more recent ones taken at 2022 DAL and BNA Informational Pickets and new hire welcome receptions. We thank you!

Remember: Stay engaged, read about what's going on, and listen to the SWAPA Number Podcasts (available on Apple, Spotify, or from wherever you get your podcasts). Join us in our SWAPAfamily Facebook group to talk about the issues we are facing. Let's win this one for our families and for our futures!

## Captain Jean Peck SWAPAfamily Outreach Chair







#### **SWAPA Rallies and Date Changes**

These adults-only engagements put on by SWAPA's Strike Preparedness Committee (SPC) for Pilots and their spouse or partners provide opportunities get the latest information, ask questions, and connect with SWAPA execs and committee members.

Pilots from all domiciles are welcome, so please join us whether you are local, a commuter, or just happen to be in the area on an overnight. Dinner and drinks will be provided, but please know that there are no activities planned for chidren.



#### **SWAPA** on Capitol Hill

On February 9, 2023, SWAPA President Casey Murray testified before the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee to assist the committee in its investigation of Southwest's holiday meltdown and to offer lessons learned to ensure that all U.S. airlines take the steps necessary to prevent unnecessary service disruptions and make sure a meltdown like this never happens again.

Great job by Casey Murray in his testimony, the Pilots who showed up in unity, and

Rally Date Changes: Please note that a few previously published Rally dates in last month's SWAPAfamily newsletter and the forthcoming *Preparing for a*Strike booklet have shifted due to availability.
The dates listed below are updated and correct. Venues and registration for the later dates will be announced soon.

#### **Upcoming SWAPA Rallies**

March 2 - DAL - Register Here

March 8 - MCO - Register Here

March 29 - DEN - Register Here

April 11 - OAK

April 25 - LAS

April 27 - MDW

May 16 - ATL

SWAPA's Government Affairs Committee for their hard work, presence, and relationships in Washington, D.C., helping put focus on the important issues going on in our industry.

Watch the full hearing video here or above.





# SWAPA Pilot's Daughter Starts Aviation Non-Profit

BWI Captain Brent Anderson's teenage daughter Amelia is doing some amazing things in aviation and we wanted to highlight her great work!

Coming from a long line of aviation professionals (including her mom Kari, current BWI flight attendant), Amelia is not your typical 17-year-old. She holds a PPL-Glider license, is currently working on her powered license, and she is passionate about mentoring kids (especially girls) interested in aviation. With a passion for giving back, Amelia even started her own non-profit called Air Ambition, whose mission



SWAPA Pilot's Wife Shares Her Perspective

The following was submitted by SWAPAfamily member Kimberly Miller:

Hello SWAPAfamily! On behalf of my husband, LAX FO Austin Miller, and our daughters, I wanted to share our perspective on the upcoming SAV and my feelings about our Pilots having worked 900-plus days without a contract. Austin and I work tirelessly to provide for our eight-year-old twins, one who has special needs, while also planning for a more prosperous future. We are a dual-income household, but we have very different professions which requires constant planning, planning, and more

is to advance the field of aviation by mentoring, inspiring, and educating future aviators.

For her efforts, Amelia was recently featured on the cover of *Girls in Aviation* magazine! Read her feature story here.

For more information, visit airambition.org and follow @ air\_ambition on instagram.

planning to make sure our family functions as best as possible. As the owner of a public affairs firm, I work with clients every day while Austin flies his not-so-predictable schedule for SWA which has — more than a few times — impacted my ability to physically attend meetings and hearings. I am talking about you, Mr. JA (Junior Assigned) and Mr. Reroute!

Read the rest of Kimberly's story here.

### **SWAPAfamily Volunteers Through the Years – Thank You!**















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